



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In re

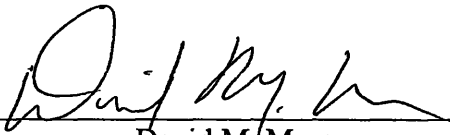
Democratic Party of Hawaii, and
Lynn Matusow, in her official capacity as treasurer

MUR 5518

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
OF VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID MASON**

The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss all allegations in this matter. *See In re Democratic Party of Hawaii*, Matter Under Review 5518, Statement of Reasons ("SOR") of Chairman Lenhard, Vice Chairman Mason & Comm'rs Toner & Walther at 1 & n.1 (F.E.C. March 8, 2007); *id.* SOR of Comm'rs von Spakovsky & Weintraub at 1 (F.E.C. Feb. 23, 2007). This SOR addresses one small, non-controversial issue not addressed in the previous SORs. The complainant alleged that the respondents improperly reported money raised for Federal Election Activity. *See generally id.* § 431(20)(A) (2002). However, the response showed the money at issue was for non-federal activity.¹ We dismissed this allegation for the reasons set forth in the General Counsel's Report recommending no reason to believe (RTB). We dismissed rather than finding no RTB solely as a matter of convenience as we dismissed all other allegations in the matter for reasons previously set forth.²

July 24, 2007



David M. Mason,
Vice Chairman

¹ First Gen. Counsel's Rep. at 11-12 (Nov. 29, 2006)

² Our new policy regarding use of dismissal and RTB, *see Statement of Policy Regarding Comm'n Action in Matters at the Initial Stage in the Enforcement Process*, 72 FED. REG. 12545, 12546 (F.E.C. March 16, 2007), was not in effect at the time of this action

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